**Trail Rating System**

**Easiest**  
A hike that is generally suitable for anyone who enjoys walking. Mostly level or with a slight incline. Generally less than 3 miles.

**Moderate**  
A moderate hike is generally suitable for novice hikers who want a bit of a challenge. The terrain will involve a moderate incline and may have some steeper sections. Generally 3 to 5 miles.

**Moderately Strenuous**  
Moderately Strenuous hikes will generally be challenging for an unconditioned person. The terrain will involve a steady, often steep incline and/or light scrambling. Generally 5 to 8 miles.

**Strenuous**

Strenuous hikes will challenge most hikers. The hike will generally be longer and steeper, but may be deemed "Strenuous" because of the elevation gain or because of significant scrambling. Generally 7 to 10 miles.

**Very Strenuous**  
Only well-conditioned and well-prepared hikers should attempt very strenuous hikes. The hike will generally be long and steep, and may include heavy rock scrambling, stream crossings, and other challenging terrain. Generally 8 miles and over.

**Road Rating**

**Class 1**

Maintained paved roads.

**Class 2**

Maintained unpaved graded road.  Firm, dry improved surface, or less than 3 in. water crossing depth.  Only gentle grades present similar to highway construction, 2WD under all conditions except snow. No obstacles.

Example: St. Thomas road after they grade it.

**Class 3**

Much like Class 2 trails, except for a possible rut or loose gravel that might make things fun. Wash boarding is likely, so airing down tires makes for a more comfortable ride. Possibility of desert pen-striping (overhanging brush leaving their mark). Easy grades and side hills.  2WD under most conditions.  Rain or snow may make 4WD necessary.

Example: Gold Butte Road

**Class 4**

Unmaintained dirt road.  Ruts, washes, or gulches may be present; water crossings up to 6 inches in depth possible with a firm bottom; passable mud or sand sections may be present.  Grades up to 20 degrees may be encountered.  Small rocks or holes may be frequent.  Rock or dirt shelves will not exceed 6 inches in height.  4WD recommended but 2WD possible under good conditions and with adequate ground clearance and skill.

Example: Arrow Canyon Road

**Class 5**

These trails will have steep inclines and may require using 4-wheel low. There will also be deeper ruts, some off-camber sections and possibly some small/medium rocks that require climbing over (up to about 18”). 33” tires are required and a little more experience than a straight beginner, at least be comfortable with using 4-wheel low.

Example: Buffington Pockets, when you get near the site.

**Grade 6**

These trails will have even steeper and longer inclines, large rocks to climb/maneuver through (up to 24”) and there may also be some low water crossings, no deeper than 12”. Rating 5 is challenging, and requires prior experience on lower rated trails, and a good working knowledge of 4-wheel low.

Example: Oro Plata Road or Cottontail